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# FOR PERFORMING ARTS

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## **SUNDIATA, LION KING OF MALI**



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# THE CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

*Presents*

**Theatreworks/USA**

Jay Harnick  
Artistic Director

Charles Hull  
Managing Director

## **SUNDIATA, LION KING OF MALI**

Book by **David Schechter**

Music & Lyrics by **Scott Davenport Richards**

Additional Lyrics by **David Schechter**

Additional Songs by **Kirsten Childs**

Directed by **David Schechter**

Choreographed by **Abdel Salaam**

Musical Direction by **Greg Pliska**

Musical Arrangements & Orchestrations by **Scott Davenport Richards**

Assistant to the Director - **Edward Barker**

Costume Design by **Andre Harrington**

Set Design by **Larry W. Brown**

Props/Masks/Puppets by **Barbara Pollitt**

### **CAST**

(alphabetical by role)

Balla .....	<b>Alicia Christian</b>
Dankaran.....	<b>Ron Stroman</b>
King Maghan.....	<b>J. S. McLaughlin</b>
Lion Spirit.....	<b>Mandy Stevens</b>
Sumanguru.....	<b>Lawrence Joseph</b>
Sundiata.....	<b>Davine Clerk</b>

Stage Manager.....**Parys LeBron**

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Theatreworks/USA is a professional company employing members of Actors' Equity Association.

### **WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST**

(Alphabetical by role)

**ALICIA CHRISTIAN** (Balla), originally from Evansville, IN., is making her debut with Theatreworks this season. She has received training from The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) and Steppenwolf Theatre.

**RON STROMAN** (Dankaran) is a graduate of Adelphi University, where he received a B.F.A. in theatre. His extensive regional credits include the Leading Player in *Pippin*, the Lion in *The Wiz*, Midge in *I'm Not Rappaport*, and *Othello*. Mr. Stroman has written and performed his one-man show *The Serpent's Sermon* and is currently writing a new one entitled *The Bastard Love Child of Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben*.

**J. S. McLAUGHLIN** (King Maghan), originally from Lakeland, Florida, is a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. He has performed in several musicals, including *The Wizard of Oz* (Lion), *Pippin* (Leading Player), *The Secret Garden* (Dr. Craven), and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Charlie Brown), to name a few. He is excited to join this cast with his buddies Leesh and Mandy Girl. Peace Love.

**MANDY STEVENS** (Lion Spirit) is originally from San Diego, CA, and a recent graduate from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA). She is very excited to be playing for the younger audiences. She adores children and says, "Children need to be filled with five essential things: Love, Dreams, Laughter, Music and Candy."

**LAWRENCE JOSEPH** (Sumanguru) has appeared as a dancer with the Metropolitan Ballet Kansas, Michael Mao Dance, Rod Rodgers Dance and the Milwaukee Dance Theatre, to name a few. Mr. Joseph's musical theatre credits include *Peter Pan*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and "Andre" in *Ain't Misbehavin'*, his favorite role to date.

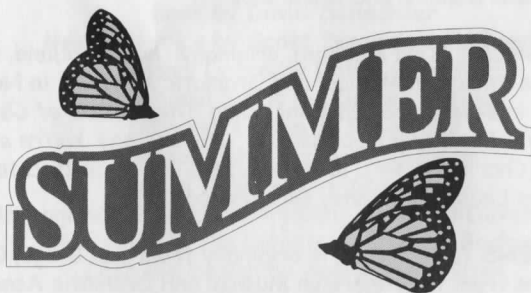
**DAVINE CLERK** (Sundiata) is a resident of Queens, New York, and is the youngest of five children. He has appeared in numerous productions, such as *Children of Eden*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Blues in the Night* and *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. "Watch for me in the sunset".

**PARYS LEBRON** (Stage Manager) hails from New York City. He has worked on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Comedy of Errors*, the W W II drama *Channel Crossings*, *Dracula* and musical adaptations of *The Three Musketeers* and *Oedipus*. Mr. LeBron will be seen in the upcoming film *Uncle Sam and Mikey*.

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